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As a citizen of the United States of America, I am writing to voice my dissatisfaction with the pending Microsoft antitrust settlement. It seems that the particulars of this settlement are concerned more with the political will and clout of the moment rather than the letter of the laws upon which the nation operates.

I've always appreciated the fact that ours is a nation of laws, not of men. However, it seems in this instance that influence is being exercised more than good judgment. The settlement as proposed would appear to be a mere slap on the hand for monopolistic actions as well as tacit permission for continued strong-arm tactics by Microsoft, rather than a more adequate punishment which this corporation deserves.

I would ask that you consider not accepting the settlement as it stands and instead pursue more stringent restrictions of Microsoft's future activities.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Regards,  
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